

DETERMINATION OF NEED FOR MEETINGS OF
THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD & COMMITTEES
TO BE HELD BY AUDIO OR VIDEO CONFERENCE

To: Lake County Board Members
Board Secretary
County Administrator

1. The Governor of the State of Illinois has issued a disaster declaration related to public health concerns because of a disaster as defined in Section 4 of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act and all of Lake County is covered by the disaster area. In light of such disaster declaration, and in accordance with 5 ILCS 120/7(e)(2), I hereby determine that:

(a) In-person meetings of the Lake County Board (the "Board") and all of the Board's committees, including special committees, ad hoc committees and subcommittees (the "Committees"), or meetings of the Board and its Committees conducted under the otherwise applicable provisions of the Open Meetings Act, are generally not practical or prudent because of such disaster, and

(b) The current disaster declaration issued by the Governor, provides that for purposes of section 120/7(e)(4), in-person attendance by members of the public is generally feasible, however, attendance is limited to the number of persons that are practicable in keeping with social distancing requirements of the regular or alternate meeting locations not to exceed 50 persons.

2. Therefore, in accordance with 5 ILCS 120/7(e)(2) during the pendency of the Governor's current declaration of disaster:

(a) Meetings of the Board and all of its Committees will be conducted exclusively by audio or video conference, without the Members physical presence at the regular or any alternate meeting location with the following exceptions (a physical quorum must be present): (1) Ethics & Oversight Committee meetings that include executive session to discuss pending ethics complaints, and (2) Financial and Administrative Committee meetings that include executive session to discuss items required for the effective and efficient administration of County operations.

(b) A physical quorum of the members of the Board and all of its Committees is not required at the regular or any alternate meeting location except for purposes as described in 2(a); however, when a physical quorum is not required, at least one member of the Board or its Committees, the Board's legal counsel, or the County Administrator or a designee, will be present at the regular or any alternate meeting location.

(c) Any members of the public or board may be present at the regular or any alternate meeting location, while at all times practicing social distancing and wearing a face covering at all times, will be able to participate in public comment and hear all discussion, testimony and all votes of the members of the public body.

Dated as of the 2nd of November 2020.



Sandra Hart, Chair
Lake County Board